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1. PRIME MINISTER RENE UNABLE TO MEET WITH NAIROBI-BASED HELICOPTER REPS PRIOR TO EARLY DECEMBER. AS REPORTED REFTEL, RENE AND OTHER SENIOR GOS PLANNING OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM VICTORIA ON COMPREHENSIVE STUDY TOUR OF SEYCHELLES' OUTER ISLANDS FOR MOST OF OCTOBER. (TOUR WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 10-20 WAS LATER EXTENDED TO END OF MONTH). RENE DEPARTING SEYCHELLES NOVEMBER 5 FOR LONDON AND WILL BE AWAY UNTIL ABOUT NOVEMBER 20.

2. HELICOPTER REPS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH RENE AND OTHER PLANNING OFFICIALS DECEMBER 7. IF APPOINTMENT HOLDS, WOULD RECOMMEND BUSINESSMEN PLAN ARRIVE ON DECEMBER 5 FOR PRE-LIMINARY MEETING AT EMBASSY DECEMBER 6. REPS COULD RETURN NAIROBI ON EVENING FLIGHT DECEMBER 7. AS HOTEL SPACE EXTREMELY TIGHT, WILL MAKE PROVISIONAL BOOKING FOR THREE SINGLES NIGHTS OF DECEMBER 5-6.

3. WILL ADVISE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AFTER RENE RETURNS.

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